

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **SOUTHEAST MISSOURI MAN SENTENCED TO 180 MONTHS FOR UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF FIREARMS**

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A Southeast Missouri man was sentenced today on charges of unlawful possession of firearms, announced United States Attorney Catherine L. Hanaway.

**MARK D. PALOVICK**, age 20, of Lesterville, Missouri, was sentenced to 180 months on one felony count of being a previously convicted felon in possession of firearms. Palovick also agreed to forfeit to the United States all nine firearms he possessed. He appeared before United States District Judge E. Richard Webber.

On March 27, 2007 at approximately 8:40 p.m., the Reynolds County Sheriff's Department was dispatched to a residence in Lesterville, Missouri. Upon arriving at the residence, officers found the body of a woman lying in the bed of a bedroom in the house. She had died as a result of a

gunshot wound from a Titan, .380 caliber pistol. Palovick was present at the residence when the officers arrived. He stated that the woman had shot herself.

A search of the residence was conducted, and law enforcement authorities located eight firearms in the residence. The Titan brand, .380 caliber pistol was located in the bedroom. Palovick admitted that he was in possession of the firearms recovered from the house. Palovick had previously been convicted of felonies and was prohibited from possessing firearms.

Hanaway praised the Reynolds County Sheriff's Department, the Missouri State Highway Patrol and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives for their work on the case. Assistant United States Attorney Keith D. Sorrell handled the prosecution for the Government.